

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action transmitted March 29, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-21 were pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-21 of the present application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,591. Applicants submit the attached Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-21.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Please charge the \$130.00 terminal disclaimer fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. No other fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required or to credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the Customer Number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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